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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BAKR'S MARRIAGE FURTHER SOLIDIFIES REGIME

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LEBANESE AMBASSADOR SOUHAIL CHAMMAS HAS PROVIDED SOME DETAILS AND INSIGHT INTO MARRIAGE OF PRESIDENT AL-BAKR ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO. HE SAID THAT FOLLOWING DEATH OF PRESIDENT'S WIFE ON NOV. 17, 1974, PRESIDENT HAD FALLEN INTO STATE OF DESPONDENCY AND SUFFERED PHYSICAL ILLS. SADDAO HUSSEIN, WHO FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AL-BAKR REMAIN AS ACTIVE PRESIDENT WISHED TO RESTORE PRESIDENT'S SPIRITS. HE THEREFORE ARRANGED A MARRIAGE BETWEEN AL-BAKR AND HIS YOUNG COUSIN. CHAMMAS ATTRIBUTES RENEWED VIGOR OF PRESIDENT TO THIS SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE AND BELIEVES IT HAS FURTHER CONSOLIDATED ALREADY GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AL-BAKR AND SADDAM.
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